

# *Town of Dutch John*



Meeting

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Dutch John Town Council

Conference Hall

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

## **AGENDA/MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**ATTENDANCE:** Members: Buddy Rogers, Ryan Kelly, Sandy Kunkel, Harriet Dickerson. Excused: Dave McDonald

**Guests:** Terry Collier, Jack Lytle, John Morton

1. **Public comment – limited to 5 minutes per individual** Terry stated the reason he came was to pay fee for obtaining Building Permit necessary in order for Questar to install a new gas meter on his property. He stated the gas pressure was between 14-16, which is an acceptable level. The permit verifies to Questar that an inspector has tested the line. Buddy will make appropriate form showing approval. Terry gave check for \$202.00 to cover inspection and fees.
2. **Review/approval of Minutes from last meeting:** Ryan moved Minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved; Sandy seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Expenditures:** Daggett County Search & Rescue \$300.00 The Council feels that the outstanding job done by this group during our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration warrants this donation. Discussion followed about the good things that occurred this year. If we want to expand offerings for next year we should organize sooner and determine parameters which reflect desired outcomes.
  - G & H Garbage \$2,411.50 This includes \$2,047.50 for residential pickup and \$364.00 for rolloff.
  - Training August 27, 2016 - \$40.00 Buddy, Dave, Sandy and Harriet will attend the Land use and Ethics training at USU extension office. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person.
  - Ryan moved expenditures be paid; Sandy seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Review of Correspondence:** None
5. **Old Business:**

**Update from Council Members** Ryan was pleased to report his success in obtaining approval for Dutch John to be included as an

Enterprise Zone. This designation is retroactive to January 1, 2016 and is available to all commercial businesses in the town.

## **6. New Business**

**John Morton – item for discussion and possible action.** John reviewed with Council that, at the time the town cleanup project was being set up, we agreed that a friend of his from Vernal could bring up his own receptacle and label it for collection of “metal only”. Unfortunately, his friend arranged for G & H to bring up a receptacle that looked exactly like the ones contracted for by the Town. Also, he didn’t notify John of its location and consequently it never got labeled for “metal only”. The result was that residents presumed it was one of the receptacles ordered by the Town and filled it with miscellaneous garbage or disposable items. The gentleman asked John to come to our meeting and request some help from the Town. While it was unanimously agreed that the problem and responsibility therefor lies entirely with the man from Vernal, the Council discussed and agreed that, in fact, the materials put in the receptacle were put there by people from Town and had these materials been put in the appropriate receptacle, we would have paid for its disposal. Therefore, the Council agreed that the man should send us a copy of his bill from G & H and we would pay the dump charge portion of the bill only. All rental and/or delivery and pickup charges are still the responsibility of the man.

Further discussion included that the idea of having a receptacle for “metal only” is good. If this man wants to bring up his own, adequately and properly labeled, receptacle we would not object. This receptacle could perhaps be placed up by the current burn pile or in a separate location. The Town, however, would not be responsible for not monitor dumping in the receptacle. Hopefully people would adhere to the “metal only” requirement. John will discuss this with his friend.

**Discussion and possible action on Terry Collier Building Permit.** This was handled under Public Comment above.

**Discussion regarding items that may not need to go through entire Planning & Zoning Board before being presented to Town Council.** Discussion concluded that there could very well be enough of these kinds of items that this procedure would be beneficial to everyone. Buddy stated that the Planning & Zoning designee would be allowed to take Administrative Action and then forward decision to the Town Council for approval. The only drawback that could occur would involve the availability of the Designee.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Chamber of Commerce becoming separate entity and funding to hire Marketing Executive.** Ryan lead the discussion regarding this because he is also on the Chamber of Commerce board. If the Chamber of Commerce became a separate entity – not affiliated with the Daggett County Commission, it could be possible to hire a professional to act as Marketing Executive for the County, the Town of Manila, and the Town of Dutch John. This could be either a person with credentials and experience in this area of someone just finishing their training at the college level. In order to secure a person of this caliber the thought is that in addition to available TRT money, it would be necessary for Daggett County, Town of Manila and Town of Dutch John to contribute \$10,000 each. The belief is that a person doing this job well will bring revenue to the county that will justify the salary.

- 7. Any other business to come before meeting.** Discussion of water billing problem was held. Jack explained what he believed happened and stated that the issue was on the agenda for tomorrow's Commission Meeting if some of us could attend. Harriet's bill is one of the remaining problems that needs to be addressed as well as five or six others. These are bills that are still considerably out of line for reasons which have not yet been determined. A determination needs to be made if there are leaks somewhere that are affecting meters somehow or if the software that reads the meters is defective or if the person using the software is not fully trained. Those people whose bills are huge are vocal but it is still possible that there are usage errors in bills who have not exceeded the "minimum" or whose overage might be reasonable. It is essential that water usage be monitored effectively.

Next item for discussion involved fire protection. Buddy has received information that towns are rated as to their fire protection status and the rating for Dutch John is low. John Morton is in charge of fire protection for the Town. He stated the problem is due to low number of volunteers. He believes a reasonable goal is to have ten people trained in structural firefighting. Currently people trained to answer fire calls receive compensation for a "call out". This, however, changes the cost for training. If we had a totally volunteer fire department training is available at no cost. Training could include: Someone coming to Dutch John, some online, some in Vernal, Jensen and/or Green River, and some on the Wasatch Front. Volunteers have a hard time committing because there is probably 40 hours of training required overall.

The need, however, is high. The Council feels that we need to immediately commence a plan to increase volunteers. We could fund travel to

trainings when necessary. This item will be place on the Agenda for next meeting.

This lead to a discussion of a United Fire District for the County, the Town of Manila and the Town of Dutch John. Jack stated the Commission has had this discussion and realize the need exits. We explored who should in fact lead the effort to establish a Fire District. It probably should come under the Sheriff's office.

Lastly, Harriet stated just for the record that Rust Ranches has submitted their payment for the Conditional Use Permit and it is believed that when they obtain their tax identification number and someone does a "walk through" to show all requirements are complied with, this permit can be issued immediately.

There being no further business, Sandy moved for adjournment; Ryan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

#### **Executive Session, if necessary\* Pursuant to 52-4-204.**

\*Closed session is for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; Collective Bargaining; Litigation, Purchase, Exchange or lease of real property.

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